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All-Sydney clash in grand final

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Peter Sharne, the brilliant Marconi speedster who could get a starring role in Sunday's Grand Final.

Coates a Saint

Ex-England star Ralph Coates signed a firm two-year contract with St George before returning to London this week.

At a salary believed to be an Australian record, Coates will be more than just a player.

He will be also employed as assistant coach and promotions man visiting schools in the district.

At one stage, Coates looked likely to join Marconi, but the deal fell through.

Later this week he has to report back for duty with struggling Tottenham Hotspur.

However, it is doubtful whether he will regain his regular place in the team.

St George insist that Coates come back to Sydney not later than March 1979.

Vic clubs carpeted

Melbourne clubs have been instructed by the PSL to stop encouraging the local Press to call them by their previous ethnic names.

South Melbourne (Hellas), Footscray (JUST) and Fitzroy (Alexander) are still referred to by almost all Melbourne newspapers by their former club tags.

Obviously the PSL feels that the Press will ignore all requests unless they come from the clubs concerned.

To make sure that the Melbourne clubs don't make the request with a little wink, the PSL will follow up the matter with the newspapers concerned.

Within about two weeks, Eastern Suburbs Hakoah will officially change their name to Sydney City — unless somebody at Bondi comes up with a more marketable name.

Last week's PSL management

committee meeting also reaffirmed its policy not to accept applications from new Sydney and Melbourne clubs — and this includes APIA.

However, for the 1980 season the PSL may admit new members from country centres.

The MC will recommend to the PSL Council that they engage a full-time administrative manager allowing John Frank to carry on the PSL's marketing and promotions.

If the Council accepts this — meaning an extra financial burden of about \$15,000 p.a. — the job will be nationally advertised.

One can only hope that John Frank, knowing all the ins and outs of the PSL, will be consulted before his offisider is appointed.

What do you get when two teams, seeking solace for a paradise lost, come to grips in a match offering both a second bite at the cherry?

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On Sunday, Easts Hakoah and Marconi meet in an all-Sydney PSL Grand Final, trying to win the trophy for the first time.

At the same time, they will attempt to find consolation for having missed out on the 1978 PSL championship title.

The two teams are not strangers to one another; over the years they have staged many an epic battle.

There can't be too many secrets left which the two coaches, Gerry Chaldi and Rale Rasic could not have found out about their opponents.

In fact, both teams may play with open cards, trusting their ability and superior motivation.

Hakoah missed the title by a single point, while Marconi squandered an enormous lead they had held at the halfway mark.

Now is the chance for both to make amends.

Sydney soccer has not enjoyed the best of fortunes during the 1978 season.

The PSL title went to Adelaide, South Melbourne finished a good third, while Newcastle topped all attendance records.

But, at least, the Grand Final winner will come from the harbor city.

The match will give a good opportunity for Australia's new national coach Rudi Gutendorf to take a good, hard look at the top talent available in these two teams.

PSL HONORS TO SYDNEY?

Sydney players and officials could win most honours in the annual ballot held by the Australian Soccer Press Association.

These will be announced at the dinner on October 12 in Sydney's Wentworth Hotel, held jointly by ASPA and Philips Industries.

A consensus of views seems to favor Hakoah's Hilton Silva as the player of the year though others such as Jim Adam, Julius Vincze and Alan Vest are also certain to be in the running.

Many observers feel that it will be difficult to ignore the claims of Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi as the coach of the year though others such as Jim Adam, Julius Vincze and Alan Vest are also certain to be in the running.

Soccer writers from Sydney and interstate will cast their votes.

The Australian under 21 player of the year will receive the SOCCER WORLD trophy, presented by Sir Arthur George, president of the ASF.

still care about vital soccer matches.

Let's hope both clubs will try to "sell" the match to their respective districts and public.

With the fate of the Philips Cup being so uncertain, this could well be the last PSL-based match of the season in Sydney.



John Stevenson, the midfield dynamo of Hakoah.

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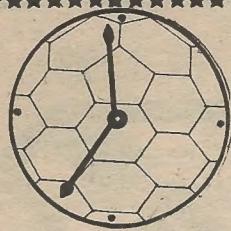
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and Emmanuel Kanna



Sydney Uni (4th Div.) clinched the first grade championship by beating Campbelltown 2-1 in the final. The game was of a high standard, with many missed scoring opportunities for Campbelltown which eventually managed to take the lead after 25 minutes when Brian McGovern picked a loose ball to drive it home. In the second half, however, Sydney Uni started the fight back and took the lead with two good goals scored by P. Salapatas and J. Connell. In addition to the brilliant fight-back by the students, they had the advantage of height and were masters of the ball in the air.

In the second grade final of the 4th Division, Ashcroft beat Padstow 2-0, having led 1-0 at half time. Padstow just could not put it together and Ashcroft, with good play, fully deserved to take the championship. Goalscorers were Andy Everett and Sam Delaney. With this final loss Padstow will also be losing their coach Alec Liggett; he is returning back to England. An advertising campaign is at hand to find a new coach.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (5th Div.) made it a double by winning the major premiership with a 2-1 result against Kingsford. Kingsford, however, were the dominant attacking side for the first half and most of the second but somehow just could not put the ball in the net. In the first 20 minutes a penalty taken by Glen Walker was missed and another ball hit the bar, came down in front of the goal line and back in play. Were it not for lady luck, who favored Bonnyrigg, Kingsford should have been two goals up before half time. In the second half persistent attack paid dividends when Peter Page scored from close range. Bonnyrigg started the fight back and were assisted by a penalty kick awarded against Kingsford and Donny Arkhiom speared the ball home. About 20 minutes from the end, with good tactical passes, the ball was received by Martin Bazi who drove the ball home from close range.

In the second grade final of the 5th Division it was Bonnyrigg v Kingsford again. The result, 5-1 for Bonnyrigg, was a true indication of the trend of the play. Goalscorers for the Eagles were Tom Yuel, Bob Jammo and a hat-trick by Ben Younan. In the Kingsford goal was the young Phillip Phillip who, with his brilliant saves last week stopped three penalty kicks and even though he saved one penalty kick in the final, the pressure was too much for him not to concede the other goals.

It has been a good season for Bonnyrigg Eagles (5th Div.). This week, in addition to winning the championship, two first graders became happy fathers. Photo Conditsis' wife Jan gave birth to a baby boy and Marilyn presented her husband Donny Arkhiom with a baby daughter named Nina.

In the other 4th Div. semifinal, Campbelltown City defeated Ashcroft 1-0, the goal being scored from close range by Nick Stillie after receiving the ball from a bad clearance by Ashcroft's defence. Ashcroft, even though at full strength, just did not have the class to match Campbelltown on the day. Campbelltown's skipper John Thompson suffered torn ankle tendons and is not certain of recovery for the finals. It is worth noting that the Campbelltown City Committee is pleased with coach Alan Street and the team's achievements over the season. This is the first time both grades have reached the semifinals and 10 years since the first grade team has won its way to the finals.

South Sydney District (7th Div.) welcomed back Bruce McTeare from a two-week holiday in Hong Kong. The club would also like to thank the canteen ladies for their untiring efforts to provide refreshments to players and supporters. One staunch supporter, father of first grader Dave Freeman, has not missed one match come hail, rain or shine.

South Bankstown YMCA are again running the very popular Indoor Soccer Competition. With over 70 senior teams entering, the competition will be run Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Besides being a fast and competitive sport, it is especially exciting from the spectators' point of view.

CLUB PATROL

Two weeks after the grand final is played in Sydney, the CROATIAN Clubs of Australia will take part in their annual cup, this time in Canberra where Croatia Deakin will be the hosts. Last year it was held in Adelaide, and Sydney's Croatia are hoping they can win the trophy to make 1978 another year to remember.

Melita's 2-2 draw with Bankstown the other week was a very near thing, with JOE FAR-RUGIA converting the equaliser with a penalty in injury time. To make it even more "hair raising" Joe put the ball in off a post, giving RAUL BLANCO near heart failure on the bench. Always quick with an apt statement, Raul summed up a coach's weekly predicament: "We die every Sunday at different locations."

Auburn were pleased that two of their young lads made the State under 16 team for the championships played in Brisbane last week. BRETT WOOD and GLEN JOHNSON were the two boys, both 15, and both products of the youth drive Auburn undertook in 1975 after their successful season. Brett, in fact, has played the whole season as right-back in second grade.

After a few weeks of doubt Melita have been told that they cannot use their new import, RAY FARRUGIA, in first grade until 1979. Ray will be able to play in seconds though, and RAUL BLANCO is certain to use him in reserve grade for the remaining matches.

ATTI ABONYI, coach and player with Croatia, feels that his two-week stint at the Dural coaching camp has done him the world of good, and has reaffirmed his faith in the youth policy of soccer. Atti, along with Rale Rasic, Raul Blanco, Peter Sharpe and Mark Jankovics, coached numerous lads at the Dural camp for the two-week period, and the experience gained by all, not just the boys, will be put to good use.

AUBURN will hold their Junior Presentation Day at the Auburn Social Club this Saturday at 1pm. Trophies and such like will be presented, as well as the under 15

and 14 Players of the Year awards.

Owing to the great demand within the area from young lads and their parents, POLONIA will field three junior teams next year in the under 14, 15 and 16 Federation competitions.

Sutherland's great midfield worker, PAUL SMITH, has not had the best of luck with injuries over the past few seasons. Last year ligament trouble forced him out, and this year he suffered a broken ankle. Paul has been training after recovering from the latter injury and could possibly have a run in seconds this week.

While regular masseur Bruno Gallo was away, Croatia enjoyed the expert services of PETER VAN RYN, who looked after the three grades for six weeks.

A few weeks ago we mentioned that Yugal's JACK TRKULJA will finish his career with Yugal this season after 10 years with the club. Well, another player will complete his 10th season with the one club this year, though he will probably not retire. MAURICE SULLIVAN — affectionately known as "Frenchie" — has been with Croatia Sydney for 10 years, ever since coming to Australia from Mauritius, and he still has a few good seasons left in him.

Ku-ring-gai will be holding their annual presentation night this week at the luxurious Schweizer Hof restaurant on the Upper North Shore. The night should be a great one for the club, with the presentation of the Second Division trophy, the piece of "hardware" for which the club has been striving for years.

Young Sutherland starlet TONY BUSH spent all last week in bed suffering from a combined attack of bronchitis and the 'flu. However, Tony played for the seconds against Manly in an important match, and after several outings in first grade seems certain to finish the season with the seconds.

Sydney Croatia will be holding their Dinner-Dance evening on September 30 at the King Tomislav Club, home of Seventh Division Edensor Park, also a Croatian club.

Some clubs have voiced their displeasure with the present ruling as regards use of players in first, second and third grades towards the end of the season. If any second grade player now appears in two first grade games he will be ineligible for the semis in second grade. This ruling tends to penalise clubs which do well in all three grades, and some review of the ruling would put an end to inefficiencies in the system.

Second Division club Polonia have begun a program of friendly matches, hoping to play them right through the summer. On October 21 they will play Brisbane Polonia, and ask any club keen on arranging a similar friendly to contact JOHN MOLSKI, club secretary, on 644-8197.

POLONIA will hold their Presentation ball at St. Mary's Memorial Hall on October 7. In the afternoon the Polonia first team will take on their cousins from Melbourne, Polonia Melbourne, in a friendly match at Chopin Park.

Melita will be without IAN McGOVERN for two weeks as a result of a pulled muscle suffered last week.

The 25th anniversary ball for Nova Bankstown Thistle club is coming up. It will be held at the Westelle Ballroom at Auburn on October 13. All players and supporters are invited to telephone 70-3232 for bookings.

The Greek championship results will be featured on 2EA each Monday night at 8.30pm.

Blacktown's experienced coach JIM GALLAGHER will not be with the club next season. Clubs interested in approaching him with an offer can reach him on 633-1387.

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS have decided to field teams in the Federation under 14, 15 and 16 leagues next season.

CHRIS O'MEARA, Arncliffe's talented player has returned from overseas and resumed last weekend with the reserve team.

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The marching girls which were part of the entertainment at the second division final at Chopin Park on Sunday came from the Rooty Hill RSL, Penrith Drum Majorettes and the Wisla Polish Dancing Group.

Presenting the various trophies at the second division finals at Chopin Park on Sunday were Ken Ferguson, vice-president of the NSW Soccer Federation, Senator Tony Mulvihill (patron of the Polonia club) and the Mayor of Blacktown, Alderman John Aquilina.

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Saints still miss classy old touch

It took old maestro Joe Vlasits all his efforts and experience to drag St. George up to a respectable position after a disastrous season.

With six rounds to go, the Saints — once one of the top clubs in Australia — were equal last. At the end, they were 7th and missed out being fifth by a single point.

And that took some doing with a team which never really looked top material and, for months, struggled from one crisis to another.

Once again, the Saints' team-building plans, if they had any, ended in a mess.

Following the Abonyi drama of 1977, they allowed another top striker, Mark Jankovics to leave, together with burly stopper Paul Coton and experienced midfielder Willie Hamilton.

Harry Williams dropped out before the start with injury and Doug Utjesenovic because of a dispute with coach Takac.

This depletion couldn't be offset by the signing of an average Paul Jones and a disappointing Zoran Djurisic — and the Saints' fortunes nosedived.

As it so often happens, the club resorted to panic moves and brought out players on almost anybody's recommendation—but all were flops; Tonanez, Acosta and Jose Maria, were you now?

One masterstroke, towards the end, was the temporary signing of Ralph Coates whose steadyin-

fluence, together with the arrival of Vlasits in place of the inexperienced Takac, brought about the dramatic improvement.

But even with this, the Saints fell far short of their previous high standards and ambitions.

No doubt, the building of their new stadium diverted a great deal of attention — and cash — from their team; the whole planning of the season was often off the cuff if not chaotic.

probably need five or six new, top players, to become a force again.

The most urgent need is to build a classy new midfield — nowadays the backbone of any good team — which can set the style and pace for the others.

Then they have to find two good strikers to join the dangerous O'Connor who alone proved to be a reliable goal-getter.

A difficult decision will be how to reorganise the defence which has too many gaps.

While Grosse improved out of sight this season, he will still need a top stopper alongside of him to bolster the often suspect defence.

In Holmik, Terry, Robert and Mike O'Shea, the Saints have four promising young defenders — yet

to field this quartet as such, would be inviting trouble.

If Coates returns next year, the midfield could be built around him; if he doesn't, a new playmaker has to be found.

But the present midfield is far too drab and uncreative to meet the demands of modern, enterprising and aggressive soccer.

PETER HENSMAN

MARTIN COE

Soon the club will have to decide what to do with players unlikely to improve further: Mendez, Djurisic, Morgan and Hensman.

In Kay, Vlassis, Henderson, Rendell, Dale, Holmik and Barton they fielded quite a few very young hopefuls and time only will tell which of these will make the grade; Kay and Holmik look the most promising right now.

The team's scoring rate was adequate — only one less than champion West Adelaide's — but the 40 goals conceded speak volumes for a poor defence.

They did extremely badly in

their matches against other Sydney teams, two wins and six defeats. Even an average of one point per game would have given them a semifinal berth.

St. George also failed to collect enough points in those close encounters.

They played only three draws — but lost 12 matches, exceeded only by tailenders Brisbane City.

The final 7th placing look flatteringly respectable and one can only hope that the club will not kid itself and believe that without major reinforcements they can do another Houdini Act in 1979.

— A.D.



BRENDAN GROSSE

OLYMPIC DORMANT, SUPPORT DWINDLES

Olympic, Sydney's long ailing giants, finished yet another disappointing season.

True, Joe Marston's relaxed and mature style of coaching did the same trick that Vlasits brought off with St. George — but the fans clearly want more than that; they are staying away in their thousands.

Admittedly, it would be suicidal to base their operations on the melting iceberg which is the Hungarian community — but then again they don't appear to make much headway with the district fans, either.

Although not on a spectacular scale but to a measurable degree they would have done better had they been able to provide a winning team playing attractive soccer.

In this they failed. The present squad, compared to the "immortals" of 1970-72 period, for example, is extremely modestly endowed and needs drastic bolstering.

A few of the experienced veterans and some of the keen, talented youngsters are worth retaining but no more; the Saints

style of the team but he, too, melted into the murky background which so often characterised this fast-moving yet undistinguished side.

In Meier, Jamieson and Laing they had players well above the average but none emerged as a true leader.

Senkalski's fine touches and skill gradually evaporated and eventually he packed up and returned to his native Newcastle.

Meanwhile, manager Johnny Thomson's influence and role were curbed and, once again, as so often in the past, the changes had an unsettling effect on the team.

Not that it was a bad team at that. To the very end it had fitness, spirit and stamina — but lacked class.

Bill Pirie came once again, scored half a dozen goals and departed, without being able to reshape the attack on a permanent basis.

Time and time again Olympic had to rely on the superb left foot of Alan Ainslie to get some goals until giant David McIntosh was moved up front to use his head.

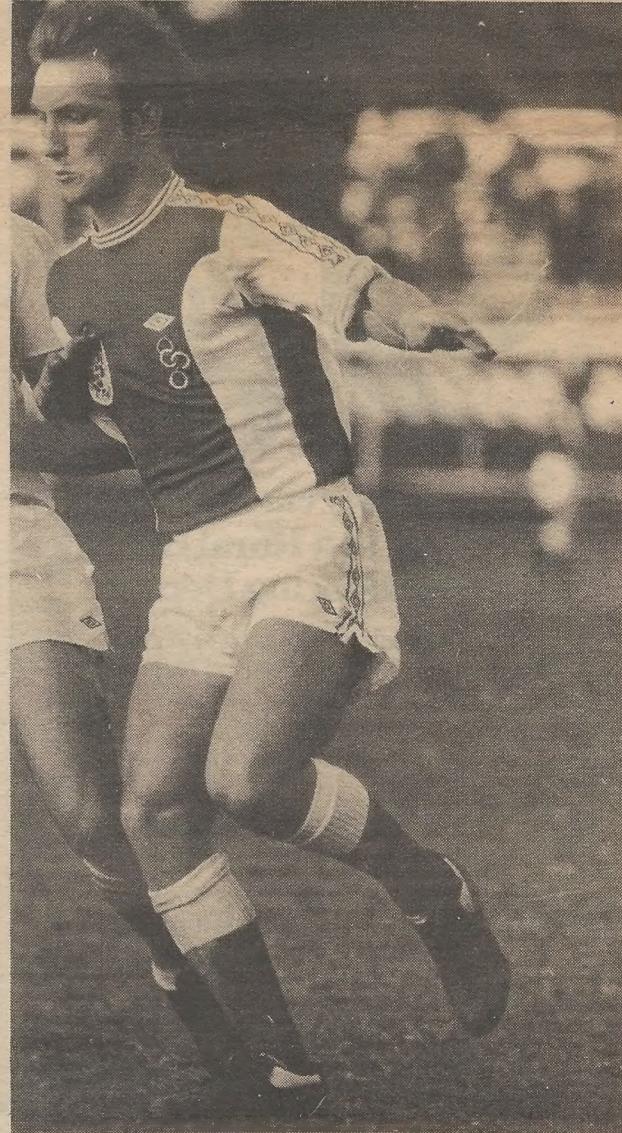
Richie Bell provided his own saga; he rejoined the team, left, came back again — but never once looked like the brilliant Socceroo he once was.

The Greek guest stars, Davourlis and Stravopidis, had some good games but once again emphasised the difficulty of these brief illicit affairs.

Newly acquired Coton dropped out with a serious injury after two games while Greg Allan and Ray Botham made only a few appearances.

However, Olympic bled, under Marston's expert handling, some youngsters in Karakostas, Konstantinou and Karaspyros and any of the "Three K's" could join schoolboy star Raskopoulos next term as an effective regular.

Perhaps Stuart Markland looked the likeliest to shape the



Paul Luckett, Olympic

several clubs have their sad crowd limitations even when they win titles.

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— A.D.



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Marconi's Stuart Selvage (left), Westad's Peter Boyle's constant shadow in Sunday's game, making one of his spirited challenges — this one probably an illegal one.

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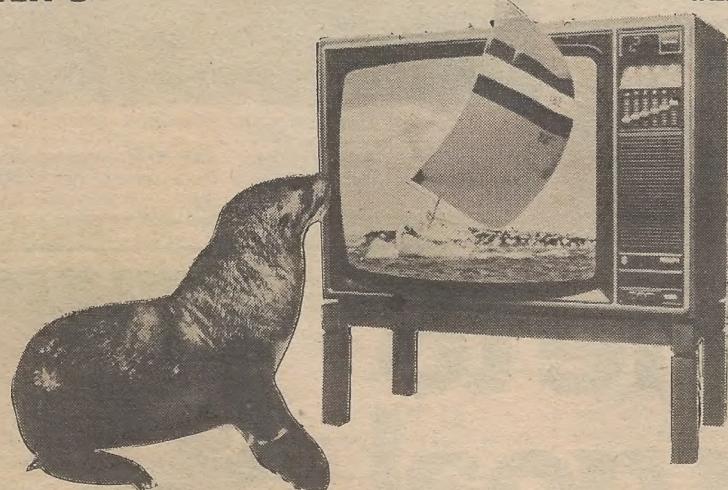
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MARCONI v WEST ADELAIDE 2-0

Marconi toyed with unfit West Adelaide

Undoubtedly, Marconi must have gained a great measure of satisfaction, easily beating new PSL champions West Adelaide last Sunday.

All this doesn't alter the fact that the match was a rather sub-standard affair waged by two teams badly depleted and injury-ridden.

Marconi were without the suspended Degney, a robust, enterprising fullback who comes closest to the new German Leopard tank as he slaloms through traps and hurdles on the flank.

And they were without the exciting talents of Jankovics, sidelined with a now chronic groin injury and thus depriving his team of an enormous quantity of mobility and dash.

— By Andrew Dettre —

West Adelaide were even harder hit. The bustling, cocky little central striker Norris was absent doing his penance for an earlier expulsion and playmaker McGachey as well as strikers McGregor and Pillans were visibly unfit.

This high casualty rate obviously affected the standard of the match which remained rather average throughout.

Not surprisingly, Marconi were the superior of the two combatants, almost constantly pressing forward, seeking the goals they sensed would somehow come.

Vieri created ceaselessly, Rooney toiled endlessly and Sharne, whenever possible, burned off the grass with his sizzling runs.

Sharne could have scored in the 23rd minute but, at the end of a brilliant wallpassing move, his close shot under pressure went high.

Five minutes from halftime only a miracle saved West Adelaide's goal with the ball ricocheting back and forth almost on the line then being cleared for a corner.

When finally Marconi's long overdue first goal came, it had an element of doubt about it.

In the 58th minute Sharne was dashing towards the goal and just before reaching the penalty box seemed to be obstructed by Kambas.

Referee Bambridge thought otherwise; he ruled a foul, INSIDE the box — and a penalty. Vieri's insipid shot was saved but Mariani put away the rebound.

This goal brought the match alive and at last West Adelaide also resorted to some attacking moves.

In the 65th minute McGachey beat the offside trap, limped

alone towards the goal but his lob over the advancing Maher was too low and died off in the goalie's arms.

Two minutes later Prskalo's sharp backheader missed his own goal by inches — and with that West Adelaide used up its armour.

Marconi, always composed and enterprising, remained in overall control and in the 81st minute sealed the fate of the game.

Pillans and McGregor were laboring throughout, while Honeyman seemed to capitulate in his uneven battle.

While one has serious doubts about the validity of Marconi's first goal, overall they were by far the better team, creating chances and pressing forward.

But they'll have to play better on Sunday against Hakoah if they are to expiate their sin of throwing away the championship.

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3 (Brogan 46m, 4), Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Berry 3, Selvage 4, Vieri 1, Rooney 5, Mariani 4, Ollerton 2, Sharne 4.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, Tymczyszyn 4, Jones 3, Kambas 3, Reynolds 3, McGachey 2, Boyle 3, Bozanic 3, Pillans 2, Honeyman 2, McGregor 2.

Goals: 1-0 Mariani (58m), 2-0 Sharne (81m). **Referee:** C. Bambridge (Vic.). **Crowd:** 6885.



Melbourne referee Chris Bambridge reads the riot act to Jim Rooney, protesting his innocence in last Sunday's final.

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The West Adelaide attack was below PSL standard. The unfit



PHILIPS LEAGUE GRAND FINAL



Even balance between teams

— BY ANDREW DETTRE —

Brushing aside the basic interstate character of the PSL, Sunday's grand final will be fought out by two Sydney teams, Hakoah and Marconi.

Far from a promoter's dream, the event has a *deja vu* appeal to Sydney spectators and the crowd response may reflect that view.

It's great pity if it does, as it could be a great match.

Hakoah have been in splendid form for weeks while Marconi have obviously climbed out of their long slump.

Chances are neither team will be at full strength: Hakoah's Eddie Thomson is suspended while Marconi's Mark Jankovics is still

unfit and even Barry Jones is in doubt.

With the possible exception of Adelaide City, when in an inspired mood, Hakoah and Marconi play the classiest soccer in Australia.

Hakoah appear to have more cohesion and fewer vulnerable points: at their peak, they push and prod the ball with machine-like precision.

Marconi, on the other hand, depend very heavily on the midfield

genius of Vieri and Rooney and the devastating speed of Sharne up front.

Let's compare the teams.

Hakoah's defence is faster, Marconi's more experienced but there is no appreciable difference between them.

If Prskalo is regarded as risky, so is Mullen. Brogan may retain his place in the Marconi line-up and show us again glimpses of his enormous talent.

Degney's return will give Marconi an added dimension in attack, while Hakoah are likely to use Trener in place of the suspended Thomson.

The two midfields again look very much on par. Vieri and Rooney are brilliant prompters while Selvage, if he must stand in for the injured Jankovics, is a disciplined defender.

For Hakoah Stevenson is the true playmaker in the middle, with Souness and Barnes providing the dash.

Hakoah's midfield is younger and this could be crucial if the game is played at a great pace or goes into extra time.

The balance swings slightly in Hakoah's favor in attack.

For Marconi the only outstanding man at the moment is Sharne, with Mariani being rhapsodical and Ollerton in a form slump.

On the other hand, the Hakoah attack is sharp and incisive.

Silva is playing better than ever on the left flank and so is Joe Watson on the other side.

In the middle they have that elegant and effective Terry Smith, the ideal link between the wings.

A lot will depend on Mullen's ability to shackle Sharne; if he gives him too much room, the Marconi youngster is capable of destroying Hakoah.

At the other end the two Hakoah wingers can be equally dangerous; perhaps the fast Brogan would be a better choice than Jones to mark the elusive Silva.

Hakoah probably will start slight favorites to win — but this is one match which can go either way.

Should the match go into extra time, the shade younger Hakoah's chances would improve considerably.

PROBABLE TEAMS FOR GRAND FINAL

HAKOAH:

CLARKE
MULLEN
TRENTEN
O'CONNOR
MOWBRAY
STEVENSON
SOUNESS
BARNES
WATSON
SMITH
SILVA

MARCONI:

MAHER
JONES
RUSSELL
PRSKALO
DEGNEY
VIERI
SELVAGE
ROONEY
MARIANI
OLLERTON
SHARNE



Hakoah defender Kevin Mullen.

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TASMAN CUP

At press time it looked as if the Tasman Cup semi-final between Canterbury High and Boorabul High would be played this Wednesday night at Englefield Stadium at 8pm.

Canterbury has the hardest keeper to beat amongst the 275 teams that entered this season — East-Hakoah's Tony Pezzano, who completely dominates his goal area and often the penalty box as well.

The game was delayed until after the school vacation due to the absence of Pezzano and Boorabul's Malcolm McClelland and Dennis Boogard with the Australian school's team in the United States.

The winner meets Normanhurst, who downed Jannali by a single penalty kick in the first semi-final.

The Australian Schoolboys championships played in Newcastle produced another batch of players of great potential.

The chosen national squad was: T. Vukovich (Birrong High), D. Smith (Sydney Tech High), G. Chapman (Killarney Heights High), P. Wilson (Lake Illawarra High), G. Lowe (Sunnybank High), Q. G. Huntley (Kedron High), L. McLean (Everton Park High), C. Yankos (Paisley High, Vic.), S. Blair (Sunshine High), M. Loh (St Joseph's), M. McClelland (Booragal High), M. Boogard (Booragal High), D. Brenton (Toronto High), T. Radford (Elizabeth High, SA), T. Brown (Modbury High), P. Innace (Marden High).

JUNIORS

UNDER 14	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	20	3	1	94	13	43
Western Suburbs	20	3	1	89	17	43
APIA	17	4	3	73	21	38
Sydney Olympic	13	7	4	51	21	33
Marconi	11	7	6	67	35	29
Blacktown	11	7	6	55	24	29
Marrickville	11	4	9	59	30	26
Auburn	11	2	11	60	51	24
Hakoah	8	—	16	42	63	16
Belmore	3	7	14	25	60	13
Melita	3	2	19	19	113	8
Bankstown	3	1	20	13	83	7
Guildford	1	1	22	7	122	3
UNDER 16	W	D	L	E	A	P
Sydney Olympic	14	6	2	45	14	34
Marconi	13	7	2	38	11	34*
Auburn	15	3	4	44	14	33
Bankstown	13	5	4	59	25	31
APIA	10	9	3	38	15	29
Western Suburbs	10	4	8	48	26	24
Belmore	7	8	7	26	26	22
Guildford	6	5	11	35	53	17
Hakoah	4	8	10	29	33	15†
Toongabbie	5	3	13	26	51	13
Blacktown	1	5	15	11	54	7
Melita	1	1	20	14	87	3

*Plus 1 point.

†Minus 1 point.

UNDER 15	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	18	3	1	89	9	39
Western Suburbs	16	3	3	109	18	35
Belmore	15	5	2	56	20	35
Guildford	15	3	4	50	20	33
Marconi	15	2	5	102	19	32
Bankstown	10	1	11	48	47	21
Blacktown	7	3	12	25	47	17
Sydney Olympic	6	3	13	26	57	15
Auburn	5	4	13	15	61	14
Toongabbie	5	4	18	16	91	5
Marrickville	1	3	18	16	91	5
Melita	1	2	19	14	31	4

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ADELAIDE CALLING

— Vic Migliaccio —

Again the South Australian Soccer Federation will give away 5000 free tickets to students under 14 for Saturday week's Coca-Cola Cup final. The passes will be distributed by Coca-Cola retailers throughout the State.

Scottish club Dumbarton has agreed to transfer big 6'4" "Jimbo" Muir to Adelaide City. Muir arrived early in May and played for City regularly. In August he had to return home and served out a four-month suspension imposed on him before coming to Adelaide. Club president Charlie Caruso said that Muir would arrive in November with his wife and two children to settle here permanently.

Adelaide City coach Les Scheinfug has organised a trial game for his team against Footscray for this Sunday, September 24, at Olympic Sports Field. City has not played a match since the end of the PSL. This match will prepare them for the Philips Cup quarter-final match to be played in Melbourne against Essendon Croatia on Sunday, September 24.

The Coca-Cola Cup (top four) semifinal will be played between Azzurri and Polonia at Hindmarsh on Saturday, September 16. Kick-off is at 3.00pm. The squads: AZZURRI: Metamassi, Simeone, Moschis, Marusic, Affede, Barone, Serafini, Soderini, Alder, Manolev, Smythe, Iannace, O. Michelon, F. Michelon, Corti, Didassi. POLONIA: Jacques, J. Lareki, M. Koleki, Dooley, Stanczak, Dibertolo, Mszyca, Pettit, M. Koleki, Kritikos, Cadenero, Kunowicz, Kuczmarski, P. Kosmina. This dash should produce good and fast soccer, as both teams finished the season with some impressive wins. My tip is for Azzuri to win, for two reasons: 1978 top scorer Joe Serafini is in fine form and the return to the team of Paul Iannace.

The other match is Para Hills v Polonia (Junior Cup final) 1pm, Hindmarsh.

Results from last Saturday's Coca-Cola Cup, first round: Croatia 2 v Cumberland 0. Scorers: Terry Hayes (85), John Pope (87). Bailetti Cup final: Westfield 1 v Noralunga City 0. Scorer: Richard Claridge (extra time).

Will coach Jim Adam retain his position with West Adelaide next season? West's president Dr. Bill Kyros told me at the Rothmans presentation dinner last Thursday that, providing financial differences between the club and Adam were settled at the next meeting later this week, Jim Adam has a contract for 1979. "Our committee will also discuss the probability of Jim's going to Scotland to recruit four or five players to boost our reserve pool during the coming off-season period," Dr. Kyros added.

Attention all Red Devil fans: "The Goal" soccer shop (rear 105 Gawler Place, Adelaide), has to sell limited copies of "Manchester United Centenary Book". If interested write or visit "The Goal" for more details.

Popular Enfield Victoria midfielder-striker Bobby Tufts last Thursday night won the Rothmans Medal as the best and fairest player in the first division for 1978. After the presentation Tufts said that next season he hoped to play for an Adelaide PSL club... preferably West Adelaide. Winners of the Australian Soccer Press Association (SA division) "Player of the Year" local awards will be printed in next week's SW.

USC Lion is the only first division club left without clubrooms, but it will not be for long. Club secretary John Dmistranski said last week that negotiations have started to buy land at Ottoway where the club will eventually build its headquarters. USC Lion will hold a presentation-dance on Saturday, October 21, at the Ukrainian Hall, Hindmarsh. For tickets ring 260-2294.

AUSTRALIAN AGE TITLES

UNDER 12

Left winger David White, of Northern NSW, looked the outstanding player of the series, which was won by the North in a series played in Tasmania.

Also fast and feared was NSW player David Hale, from Nepean.

The final placings were: 1, Northern NSW; 2, South Australia; 3, NSW, and 4, Western Australia.

The Tasmanian people turned on tremendous hospitality arrangements, and the grounds were as good as possible considering the heavy rain that came on the Saturday.

Those attending could not help but notice the quality of play, sufficiently above the best otherwise seen, to justify the costs in running such a tournament.

Northern NSW were deserving winners, but NSW, coached by Rod Woods, were somewhat unlucky.

They lost the most rugged stopper in the series, Geoff Biscaya, who was their captain, and Nigel Shallcross, who unluckily struck a neck muscle injury.

UNDER 13

A country combination of manager Tom Blackmore (Nowra) and Chris James, a Springwood schoolteacher, saw their team win the championship on goal difference for NSW.

South Australia were the runners-up, followed by Victoria in third place.

The South Australians had played as a team since January, and showed the skill that could be expected.

Queensland needed greater preparation. They turned out a very good team, but two weeks together is this day and age is not enough to enable them to compete as they should on an Australia-wide scene.

Once again the arrangements were excellent. Redcliffe City club did a mammoth job to perfection at their Henzell Park ground.

After a run of four wins NSW looked like being easy winners, but down came the rain and it proved to be a real leveller.

Tasmania, who came last, must have relished the conditions and held NSW scoreless.

The South Australians repeated the dose, and then Victoria defeated NSW 1-0.

NSW held the game territorially all the way, but a through ball and a slip in the deep mud gave Victoria the winning goal.

UNDER 14

"The best under 14 goalkeeper in the world" — this is successful NSW under 14 coach Vic Dalgleish's opinion of young Dean De Haas, of Sutherland.

"Dean faced a Northern NSW penalty with only two minutes to go when we were leading 1-0.

"He showed cool professionalism, and finally he saved a tremendous shot that was heading for an empty space in the goal."

Dalgleish is normally not one to overstate — he is currently coach of State League semi-final aspirants Auburn.

Amongst a team that were good enough to take out the national titles at Yallourn, Dalgleish picked out three more outstanding players.

They were skipper Darren McInerney, a defender from Gladysville-Hornsby, Phillip McNeice, Sutherland mid-fielder and ball winner, and centre-back Paul Daley, from Nepean.

NSW won the tournament from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.

The side won by two points and did not lose a game.

Although every player got at least two appearances, a game and a part game, Dalgleish used a strong team all the way.

Top marks went to the Latrobe Valley Association, who conducted a magnificent tournament, the first in Victoria to be played outside Melbourne.

The grounds were tended "like a baby" — absolutely in international class.

UNDER 15

ACT youngster Stan Dukic was the outstanding player of the under 15 championship played at Gosford.

At this stage the young attacking mid-fielder looks to have a great future in Australian soccer.

The series provided a whirlwind finish. With NSW defeating Victoria 3-1 in the last round, the placings went

Menotti: That's how we won the World Cup

Luis Cesar Menotti, Technical Director of world champions, Argentina, has become an overnight hero. The tall, well tailored and distinguished looking Menotti recently visited Switzerland where Walter Lutz of the famous "Zuricher Sport" had this interview with him.

Q: Now, weeks after the triumph, what do you think were the most important factors which helped you to win the World Cup?

A: First, I had good, intelligent and understanding players. Then the players had a good collective spirit and we trained extremely hard for months.

Q: How did you prepare your team for the Cup?

A: It was a long process. The last phase began on February 15, in Mar del Plata, where we spent a month in camp. We had no matches, only very tough training sessions which provided the players with the necessary strength and stamina. We had two training sessions a day, two hours in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. The players were under constant medical supervision and every evening we held tactical talks. We made it quite clear to the players what was expected of them.

Q: Didn't the players get bored with this long preparation without matches?

A: They all knew what we had to do and why. I invited only those players in the squad who were able to accept discipline. They had to understand that with our previous methods and attitudes, we could only fail.

Q: What happened in the month before the World Cup?

A: We played our last friendly match on May 4. Following that we only worked on some refinements, polishing up details. For example, we tried to improve the heading ability of players and their reflexes.

Q: Your team was characterised by an ability to set a hot pace and then maintaining it for 90 minutes. How did your players acquire this stamina?

A: In the last four weeks we concentrated on this aspect. During trainings, we did everything non-stop, always with the ball, always at full pelt, for never less than 90 minutes. Then in the last week we eased the dosage to bring back the freshness, explosiveness of the players.

Q: How could you convince your players that the unity of your team, not individual brilliance, will decide the Cup?

A: I kept telling them that a soccer team is like an orchestra; without harmony, there is no success. Soloists may occasionally get a significant role — but in the final analysis it's the collective spirit and willingness that brings success. Therefore, I kept building my team for four years, seeking out only those players who fitted into this concept. In the process, I was forced to bypass some technically brilliant players but these wouldn't have fitted into my plans; they were too individualistic or undisciplined. A team can succeed only if all players pull the rope in the same direction. During months of discussions I tried to convince them that we either climb to the top together or one by one fall into the crevices. In this respect I never compromised.

Q: How did you shape the team's unique style?

A: This didn't happen in a few weeks — but over four years. I studied European soccer carefully on the spot and learned from it. I believed all the time that with 90 minutes of dynamic, non-stop movement and disciplined teamwork, we can make it.

Q: In most matches Argentina attacked with three, at times four strikers. Was this to exploit the home ground advantage?

A: No. I am convinced that only this type of attacking, whirlwind soccer can bring top results. Then we had Mario Kempes, the flying mid-fielder who — like Di Stefano years ago — was able to cover an enormous area. He could drop back to defend, organise play in the midfield — and then become the top scorer.

to: 1, Northern NSW; 2, South Australia; 3, Victoria, and 4, NSW.

Both Tasmania, who lost four matches by the odd goal, and ACT showed a remarkable improvement in their standard of play.

NSW did not click early, but after three losses they strung four wins together.

The series was sponsored by the Central Coast Leagues Club, and the whole series was a great credit to both them and the members of the huge Central Coast Soccer Association.

The Soccer Association provided 150 billets without a hitch.

The series started out at the excellent new sports ground at Coburg St., East Gosford.

When the rain came matches were transferred to the sandy-based Umina Oval, which was kept in fine shape by Gosford Council.

The local radio station, 2GO, and local newspapers gave the series tremendous cover, which on one occasion included a full double centre-page spread of the event.

UNDER 16

Almost complete lack of public and press interest characterised the championships held in Brisbane last week.

The matches were played at empty grounds in Perry Park, Grange Thistle and Annerley, and the Brisbane newspapers managed to ignore the event fully.

Two days of heavy rain played havoc with the standards which were somewhat below those of last year.

Victoria won the title, as they proved to be the best balanced team in the field, then came NNSW, NSW and WA.

Young St. George (NSW) starlet Paul Kay was named as the best player of the tournament — for the second year running.

Jim Bottalico contracted blood poisoning after the first match and may now require surgery to clear up the trouble.

The accommodation of the teams was in hostels and in private hotels, and the organisers did everything

Q: So Kempes was your trump card?

A: With Kempes plus 10 good players you can form a fine side. The same applied to Di Stefano or Pele, but not so much to Cruyff.

Q: Do you agree that Argentina's style contradicted the credo of many other coaches who regard the midfield as the most important area?

A: My main aim was attack — without weakening the defence. Still, one or two defenders always moved up in the second wave with the strikers. Only a favorable balance between your attack and the numerical inferiority of the opponents' defence can swing a match your way. This is where the intelligence of the players comes into it. My aim was to play through the midfield as fast as possible.

Q: Would Argentina have also won the Cup overseas?

A: I think so. Perhaps we would have had an easier task. The whole nation expected us to win and this at times had a crippling effect on the players.

Q: World Cups often bring new trends in soccer. What can we expect now?

A: The realisation that only attacking soccer can get big results. The question is always: how do you organise this attacking soccer?

Q: What impressed you most?

A: The discipline of the West Germans, the aggressiveness of the Dutch, the fanaticism of the Tunisians and the spirit of my own players.

Q: How will soccer develop further?

A: Soccer is like an art form; it's impossible to predict or even guess its trend and development. But I feel that in the near future top teams will have to have at least one outstanding personality backed by strong team spirit.

Q: What will soccer be like in 10 years time?

A: Faster. The teams will have to do everything even faster than now. The pace will be hotter, the mistakes fewer. Technical ability will remain the basis for everything.

Q: Argentina's success was partly due to an athletic ability ...

A: There is no contradiction here. While you can shape and develop a champion athlete, the truly great soccer personalities, those who decide World Cups — are born.

Q: Your plans?

A: Until the end of 1978 I work for the Argentine Association. I have no plans further than that.

Q: Is it true that you received a high State honor from your president, General Videla?

A: No. He gave us a reception after the World Cup, thanked us for our efforts and we all received a silver cigarette case.

Q: Did you make all your managerial decisions alone or did you consult others beforehand?

A: I had a free hand, I always made my own decisions. This was the first paragraph in my contract. Naturally, this produced some criticism and attacks. But I weathered those alone, too. A manager is always a lonely man.

Q: During matches you could be seen chain-smoking and nervous. However, even when you won, you stayed calm. Is this an act? How many cigarettes do you smoke?

A: Well, I start at the end. During an important game I smoke 40 cigarettes, all in all about 100 a day. This is one of my habits. I must admit that in the first few minutes after the World Cup final I was sad that this long, difficult campaign with all its wonderful dramas, had ended. The last chapter in the story was over. As for lack of emotional expressions; I feel a coach must stay calm and cool. When your team scores a goal, your automatic question has to be: what will come now?

Q: Can you explain why your team, despite the clockwork organisation, arrived a few minutes late on the pitch before the final?

A: I wanted the Dutch to wait for us.

Q: How did you celebrate after the game?

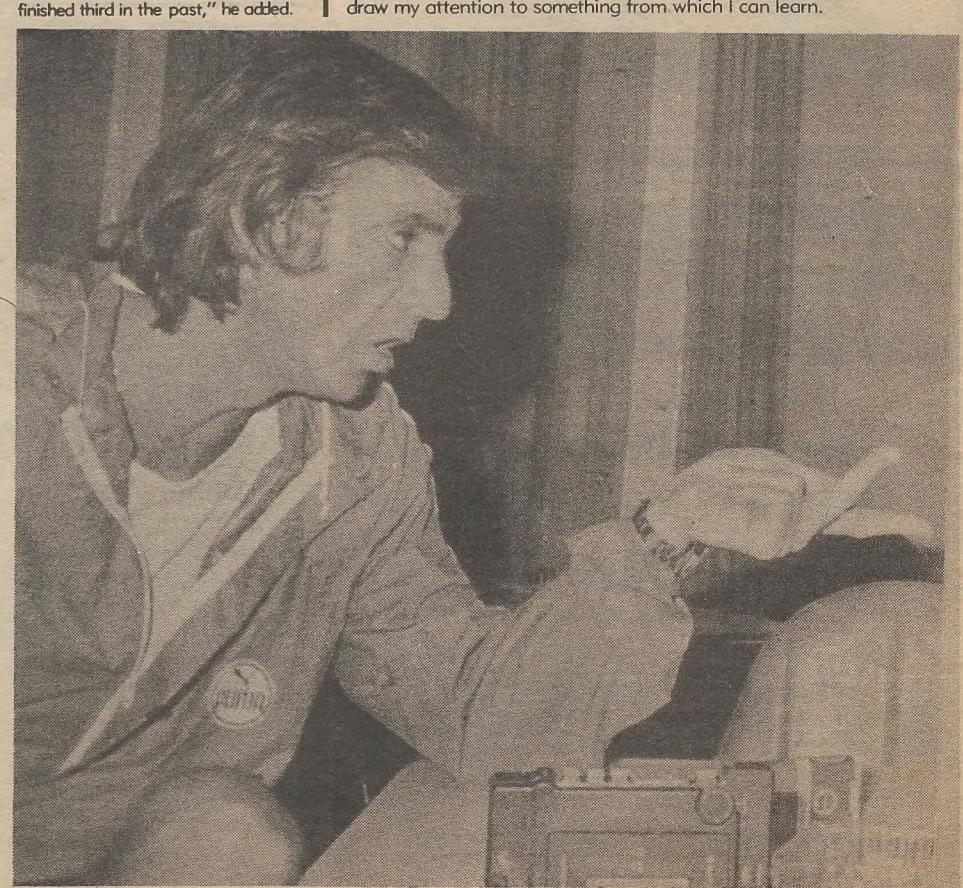
A: Before the World Cup we agreed with the officials of the team and my assistants that if we win, we'll run around the famous Obelisk barefoot. But there were millions around the square all night so we had to wait till dawn ...

Q: And what did the fans think of this, those who were still there?

A: Incredibly, nobody recognised us. Only one said to his friends: "Look he looks like Menotti..."

Q: Do you read newspapers reviews and how do you react to criticism?

A: I have always had a good relation with the Press. I know all soccer writers well and so I can judge whose writings I must take seriously and when. At times I sit down for a talk with one of them and I ask him to explain more fully his views; perhaps he is right. He may draw my attention to something from which I can learn.



Argentina coach Menotti

STATE LEAGUE

ARNCLIFFE — GRANVILLE 4-1 (1-0)

Showing great spirit and playing the better football, Arncliffe struck early and never looked like being contained. Norm Rodgers brilliantly saved a penalty after 37 minutes, but even if it had entered the net it is unlikely that Granville would have held their opponents. They lacked teamwork in what looked an end of the season display. The defence continually left young goalkeeper Barry Hoare exposed. After Larry Bates received his marching orders in the 60th minute, it was only their own impetuosity that stopped Arncliffe from scoring more than three second half goals.

YUGAL — MELITA 1-2 (0-2)

Brian Parker, back to his very best form, was the inspiration behind Melita in their 2-1 win over Yugal on the bumpy Concord Oval arena. Melita had two goals on the board by the sixth minute. Joe Farrugia netted with a fine header from Colin McAsland's corner, and then Terry Jones netted after Parker's cross which followed a foul on Parker by Charlie Prgomejic. For the rest of the half it was Melita attacking without success, but in the second half they finished poorly and let Yugal back into the game. As a result, Tom Mihajlovic came storming back into the picture and, after getting possession of a couple of rebounds

— R. DEWICK

AUBURN — Mv. OLYMPIC 2-1 (2-1)

A powerful shot from Bruce Tilt in the 7th minute put Auburn into an early lead. The shot was hit from outside the area after some good work from industrious Willie Hamilton. Olympic pulled back to equal terms in the 38th. Peter Katholias' corner came over to Ross Brown, who hit the equaliser from 20 metres out. Then Andy Tracey came up the left flank, his shot struck Harry Xipolitis and went in. Olympic was best served by defender Norm Penman, who was everywhere and stopped a lot of Auburn attacks. Marrickville's Peter Katholias showed

— A. VESIC

AVALA — TOONGABBIE 1-4 (1-2)

A most unusual hat-trick by Jimmy Izatt was featured in Toongabbie's 4-1 win over Avala. All his goals came from penalties! The first came in the 26th minute after Steve Pollard was brought down heavily. The second and third — in the 65th and 69th minutes — both followed handling infringements by Avala defenders. Pollard had opened the scoring in the ninth minute and, following a fine solo run, he tapped the ball into the net. Avala's lone goal came right on half-time when Toongabbie defender Neil Taylor attempted to clear but headed into his own net. Toongabbie were in complete charge until half-time, but Avala fought back after

— C. GIOTAKIS

CROATIA — MONARO 2-0 (1-0)

Monaro suffered a severe setback when they were defeated to the tune of 2-0. Croatia, the 1978 minor premiers, were in complete control for the entire game and if they had put away all their chances the scoreline would have read 10-0. In the early stages Bobby Russell broke away only to send a shot wide and then Kevin Coleman and Wally Savor did likewise. In the 42nd minute Attila Abonyi broke the deadlock when he connected with his head to a Savor flick-on. Monaro best chance fell a minute after the Abonyi goal, but Walter Valeri shovelled his attempt over the bar. The second half continued in much the same vein. Croatia created many more chances, although they failed to

— S. MUTIMER

BANKSTOWN — APIA 0-2 (0-1)

The first goal came in the 29th minute when Bob Fryer took possession of a loose ball and got it past Bankstown goalkeeper Terry Greedy, aided by a bad bounce in a sandy patch in front of goal. APIA followed with several chances, but some poor finishing and good goalkeeping by Greedy cost them goals. Then Billy Angelopoulos missed with a Bankstown chance. Neil Williams, outstanding in Bankstown's line-up, cleared an almost certainty from the line, and right on time he had the misfortune to knee a ball into his own net. Bob McGinn sent a long ball

— E. PERSEN

MANLY — SUTHERLAND 0-2 (0-1)

Although Sutherland were not impressive on the day they were too good for Manly. Exchanges were even in the first half, with both sides setting up attacks. John Watkiss and Craig Hall went close to scoring for Sutherland, but it was not until the 32nd minute that the first goal came. Peter Beggs took advantage of an error by Manly's Mick Banks and scored from 10 metres. Banks had the chance to put matters straight but he shot directly at Sutherland goalkeeper Phil Cragg. After the interval Sutherland were superior, and a 20-metre Craig Hall drive brushed the top of the crossbar. John Dick and

— G. STREETER

How green is their valley

Out of 12 junior teams, Green Valley United had five teams playing in the grand finals.

One of the teams was the under 8s division 3 side, which throughout the season scored 134 goals, conceding only four.

Naturally, they won the premiership. Top scorers for the side were Ivan Trimboli 42 goals, David Ginn 34, Kevin Stronach 29 and Michael

Degura 18.

Rodney Girdham, who made his soccer debut this season, is the side's goalkeeper who only conceded four goals.

The team: Rodney Girdham, Peter Jones, Joseph Buzek, John Vesic, Adrian Rohr, Matthew Hopkins, Troy Trigettar, Kevin Stronach, Michael Degura, David Ginn, Ivan Trimboli.

— C.S.

Monaro need to snap out of coma

Melita and Monaro, fighting for semi-final positions, have this weekend to make things difficult for the other hopeful, Auburn.

In the relegation zone the unexpectedly clear win by Arncliffe Scots over Bankstown has put them three points clear.

MONARO V SUTHERLAND

Leaving aside their gallant season's efforts, Monaro's current form as exemplified in the Croatia game, is not encouraging enough to feel that they will down the Sutherland boys.

They lack inspiration at present — and one gets the feeling that they might be playing on the basis that they might not make it.

That is not to say that they won't get another lease of life, but the continued absence of John Santolin makes it that much harder.

The keenness of Peter Wykes and Peter Beggs would take some beating, and on this occasion we fancy Sutherland for full points.

BANKSTOWN V AVALA

This Saturday's game at Bankstown Soccer Centre means demotion for the Town if they do not win.

It is a life-and-death situation, and if they do miss out Bankstown may well reflect upon what may have happened if they had not been caught up with administrative problems with the NSW Federation at the start of the year.

Avila did not show up that well against Toongabbie, but they are favoured to come out on top.

A remarkable appointment for a youngster is the Avila captaincy which was handed to 17-year-old Branko Kodor.



— By Keith Gilmour —

MELITA V CROATIA

Games between these two strong State League clubs have been amongst the season's best, and this should be no exception following the improvement in Melita.

The outcome will depend on which of the two teams is in form, and Melita will need to get early goals for their efforts.

With Croatia there is always the chance that Abonyi will pop one in out of the blue, and Melita must frame their tactics accordingly.

YUGAL V ARNCLIFFE

Yugal have nothing to lose, and Arncliffe could be safe from relegation, although for them a point or two would still be a first-class investment.

Arncliffe, no doubt, could not believe it when goals started to fall their way against Granville last week, so they only need to start where they finished last week.

Yugal showed a deal of go against Melita last week, and they are certain to be difficult for Arncliffe to beat.

Polonia romp home in final

— By Charles Spiteri —

Polonia finished the season in a blaze of glory when, in front of their own spectators, they defeated 1978 second division champions Ku-ring-gai 3-0 at Chopin Park.

In a top game of football watched by more than 2000 spectators, Polonia showed superb skills to take the coveted trophy which was some compensation for missing out on the championship and promotion.

While the Polonia players and officials celebrated after the game the Ku-ring-gai camp was very disappointed with their performance.

Club coach Mick Jones, who led the team to promotion this season, said after the game: "We just didn't have the penetration up front to break the square line of the Polonia defence."

"They played some great stuff and there's no doubt that the better team on the day won."

Ku-ring-gai, who will play State League next year, only lasted the first half in this game and, once they fell behind, they never looked like coming back into the game.

Led by their three Polish imports, Andrej Pietrzik, Bogdan Wisniewski and Zbigniew Strzelecki, Polonia showed their class by grabbing the midfield from the outset and never let go throughout.

The trio dictated the pattern and pace of play, opening up many opportunities for their speedy forwards to menace the Ku-ring-gai defence constantly.

Polonia broke the deadlock in the 35th minute when a run by Ricky Budini slit the Ku-ring-gai defence wide open, giving Andrej Pietrzik an easy task to score from 12 metres.

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DIV. 1, GRADE 1

W D L F A P

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	20	—	4	58	11	40
Sutherland	15	4	5	37	15	34
Melita	15	1	8	41	29	31
Monaro	12	5	7	41	29	29
Auburn	13	3	9	50	36	29
APIA	12	3	10	34	24	27
Toongabbie	10	6	9	31	29	26
Mv. Olympic	11	3	11	32	36	25
Avala	8	3	12	30	37	19
Yugal	7	5	11	29	45	19
Granville	6	6	13	25	40	18
Manly	6	6	13	23	51	18
Arncliffe	4	6	14	19	40	14
Bankstown	3	5	16	22	44	11

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

W D L F A P

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	19	4	2	56	13	42
Croatia	16	3	4	51	23	36
APIA	16	3	5	36	19	35
Sutherland	14	4	6	58	16	32
Auburn	14	4	6	48	24	32
APIA	12	4	7	44	21	28
Granville	12	2	10	43	31	26
Melita	10	5	8	38	33	25
Mv. Olympic	6	9	10	30	44	21
Toongabbie	4	7	13	25	38	15
Avala	5	3	16	27	50	13
Yugal	6	1	16	24	66	13
Monaro	5	1	18	21	68	11
Bankstown	2	3	19	17	71	7

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

W D L F A P

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	18	3	2	75	13	39
Sutherland	17	5	1	54	11	39
APIA	13	3	6	44	22	29
Arncliffe	9	6	6	27	20	24
Granville	10	4	8	28	30	24
Auburn	10	3	9	27	27	23
Bankstown	7	6	9	22	30	20
Melita	7	5	10	18	25	19
Croatia	6	6	9	27	31	18
Yugal	5	6	11	17	48	16
Toongabbie	5	4	14	27	47	14
Avala	5	4	13	19	49	14
Mv. Olympic	1	5	17	10	44	7

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WORLD NEWS



PARIS DRAW BLOW TO FRENCH HOPES

France dropped a valuable point at home against Sweden in their European Championship match which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Sweden's manager Georg Ericsson himself admitted later that the French could have won easily had they converted only a few of their many chances.

Gemmrich, who substituted for the injured Lacombe, missed five sitters on his own; France also hit the woodwork three times.

Admittedly, France played without many injured stars: Tresor, Lacombe, Platini and Rocheteau.

Michel Hidalgo, the French manager lamented later:

"It's unforgivable that we relinquished our 2-1 lead in the last second; our defenders, waiting for the final whistle, allowed Larsson to walk the ball into the net."

"This match has confirmed my World Cup views; our talented team lacks perserverence, aggression and realism without which there is no international success."

"If we can overcome this, we'll go far; without them we'll be stagnating."

The man of the match, once again, was Swedish goalie Ronnie Hellstroem.

However, the Swedish defence was a shambles and any truly aggressive set of strikers could have destroyed them beyond repair.



French ace Platini (left), now out with a broken leg.

COSMOS TOUR BEING SOUGHT

An Australian tour by Cosmos just before they became such a big name in soccer was knocked back by the Australian Federation, but the boot is on the other foot now.

The ASF would welcome a tour with open arms and no wonder considering the calibre of the New York side.

Discussions have taken place for three matches, probably in early February, one each in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Cosmos have averaged a 45,000 home attendance this year, and 35,000 in away games.

They have the capacity to pack any available ground in Australia. Included in the side, if all tour,

are Franz Beckenbauer, Vladislav Bogicevic, Dennis Tueart, Giorgio Chinaglia, and Carlos Alberto.

The Philips League faces increased costs of air transport, so a profitable tour would help.

The State Federations are finalising a tour by Polish champions Wisla Krakow, which will also be in the pre-season period.

The last Polish tour, by Legia Warsaw, drew a 16,000 attendance in Sydney and produced some really worthwhile football.

VENGLOS BUILDS NEW CZECH SIDE

Czechoslovakia's new manager, Dr Joe Venglos, the former Sydney Prague coach, is building his new team on two army clubs, those of Dukla Prague and Dukla Banska Bystrica.

With the transfer of Barmos from Inter Bratislava, the Dukla Prague defence has new authority; Macela, Samek, Fiala and Barmos are all in Venglos' calculations.

Dukla's midfielder Pelc, a small, fragile looking technician who reminds one of the Argentinian Ardiles, is another Venglos favorite as is striker Nehoda.

The other Dukla, from Slovakia, has also got much stronger in the off-season.

They have signed Pollak and Danko from Kosice and Ondrus, from Slovan Bratislava.

Czechoslovakia's big test and Venglos' debut will be against West Germany on October 11 in Prague.

Hungary's new manager Ferenc Kovacs had announced his rebuilt national squad. Missing are stars Torocsik and Nyilasi, banned for a year for their World Cup misbehaviour as well as other "Argentinians" Kocsis, A. Toth, Torok, Nagy, J. Toth, Meszaros and Fazekas. Kovacs has included several newcomers, all young: Brunyi and Katzirz (goalies), Paroczi, J. Kovacs, Pal, Lukacs, Tatar, Kardos, Fekete and Tieber.

The USA has started off its European tour with a scoreless draw against Iceland.

The West German Association (DFB) has accepted a strong recommendation from new manager Jupp Derwall and in future Germans playing for foreign clubs will be considered for selection. New hope for Bonhof, Stielike and maybe Beckenbauer . . .

According to London newspapers, Liverpool gave one of the all-time great soccer displays in Britain with their 7-0 knock-out win over Tottenham.

After three rounds in Hungary, Honved is at the top with 6 points from Ferencvaros and Videoton, both on 5 points — and champions Ujpest on 3.

Amateur clubs in Sardinia often pay transfer fees for players in goods such as goats and pigs. Now Antonello Schirru has joined the Sueli club from Nurri for 1500 bales of hay. His old club will use the hay as undersoil for their turfreted ground.

Finland nearly held its own in their narrow 0-1 home defeat in Helsinki against Poland. Only 3000 people saw the match in which Majewski scored the winner in the 81st minute. Polish stars missing included Tomaszewski, Deyna, Zmuda, Lato and Szarmach.

Holland's Feyenoord is playing a minor role in the recently started Dutch championship. They have lost four stars in Rijsbergen, Jansen, Kreuz and Schneider.

Cosmos played a 2-2 draw against a World XI selected by Menotti. Cruyff played for the World XI alongside of such stars as Cubillas, Lato, Rep, Tarantini, Boniek, Rivelino and Oscar.

Austria had little trouble beating Norway 2-0 in Oslo, with both goals coming from players now with foreign clubs, Pezzey and Krankl.

Bucker, from the West German Duisburg, has signed a contract with the Saudi Arabian club Ittihad Jiddah — coached by Detmar Cramer, who originally hails from Duisburg . . .

The national squad of the tiny United Arab Emirates, coached by the Scot Eric Smith, is in training camp in Poland.

Juergen Croy, goalie of Zwickau, has become East Germany's player of the year for the third time.

Peru's Alianza Lima is now rated as one of the strongest teams in South America — they have internationals Cubillas, Duarte, Velasquez, Cueto, Sotil and La Rosa in their ranks.

Brazilian midfield ace Dirceu, rated by the Press as the third best player in the 1978 World Cup finals, has been transferred for \$350,000 from Vasco de Gama to the Mexican America Club. Dirceu has received a signing-on fee of \$22,000 and will get a monthly salary of \$3500 plus bonuses.

Werner Bickelhaupt, German coach of the Swiss Young Fellows of Zurich, has undertaken to coach the national team of Bangladesh for two months.

French AS Monaco lost 0-2 to Rumania's Steaua in Bucharest but won 3-2 on aggregate its qualifying round match in the UEFA Cup.

The new manager of the Peruvian national team is Jose Chairez, whose main task will be to improve the stamina of his talented side for next year's South American championships.

West German star Paul Breitner has started his own sports show on a TV station in Munich.

So far 11 books have been published in West Germany on the recent World Cup finals, the prices ranging from \$2.20 to \$9.50.

One time Spanish hero Ricardo Zamora, rated as perhaps the greatest goalie ever, is seriously ill at the age of 79.

The latest world record transfer fee is the incredible \$3,300,000 AS Roma paid for Genoa's Roberto Pruzzo.

For reasons of economy, West Germany's Schalke no longer travel to away games the day before. Oddly enough, the wives protested about the move, saying their stay-home husbands are always edgy on Friday nights and cause arguments.

Not every overseas club has massive attendances: three times European champions Ajax of Amsterdam had only an average of 8500 last season — same as Newcastle United in the PSL . . .

Spanish first division clubs must travel about 24,000 km every season to meet their 17 away match commitment.

Exactly half of Spain's 18 first division clubs changed managers during the recent off season.

Rivelino will earn some \$600,000 tax-free in one year with his new club, Al Ahli in Saudi Arabia. On top of that he will receive a palace, have two luxury cars at his disposal and can fly home to Rio any time he feels homesick. Rivelino modestly described his contract as "good."

Rodney Marsh, 33, has signed a new two-year contract with Tampa Bay Rowdies and has just bought a new \$70,000 home in Tampa.

The English Football League wants to end the off season "loan system" which lets players spend the summer in the USA.

Bayern Munchen coach Gyula Lorant is having his problems. First he has decided to sue a newspaper for a bitter attack on him and then suffered the indignity of club president Wilhelm Neudecker interfering in his tactical planning. Observers say Lorant may not last the season in Munich.

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